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MEMORANDUM FOR:

NSC Review Completed.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND
DISARMAMENT AGENCY
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS
AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY POLICY

SUBJECT: Public Acknowledgement of the "Fact of"
Photoreconnaissance Satellites

The President has directed declassification of the fact that the U.S. conducts satellite photoreconnaissance including acknowledgement that photoreconnaissance is one of the national technical means used by the U.S. for verification of compliance with SALT and other arms control agreements.

The PRC(Space) guidance regarding action plans is modified as follows:

State is to develop and execute a political plan for consultation with appropriate members of Congress, Allies and the Soviets--resolving international legal considerations.

ACDA is to prepare appropriate Q's and A's for PRC approval and use by all Administration officials.

The DCI is to develop and implement a security plan to protect technology, operations, and products within the context of this decision.

The President desires that these actions be completed by October 1, 1978--as he is planning on acknowledging the "fact of" as part of an overall policy speech on space that date.

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Until the President makes such an announcement, the "Fact of" shall remain classified CONFIDENTIAL as specified in PD/NSC-37.



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